

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH COMMUNITY

276 Diamond Bridge Avenue ✘ Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

*January 24, 2021*



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## Masses

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday.....7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m., 12 noon

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday.....7:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

### UPCOMING HOLY HOUR - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, February 11, 2021  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory for a priest to anoint anyone who is dying or seriously ill.

**BAPTISMS** are held on every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Please call the rectory for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, January 24, 2021

- SATURDAY JANUARY 23**  
**5:30 PM** Mary Funcheon  
 Christina Zisa (*10th Anniversary*)  
 Amelia Marano  
 Gerald & Emilio Tirri
- SUNDAY JANUARY 24**  
**7:00 AM** Intention of Fr. Sylwester  
 Lawrence Rudesyle  
 Katherine Ferretti
- 8:30 AM** Angelo Ritola  
 Marion Bradford  
 Stephen Schrammel  
 Fran Koerner
- 10:00 AM** Intention of the People of the Parish  
 Steve Schrammel  
 Gaetana Santo, Frank Santo, Tita Italia  
 Sr. Rosemary Cordes, F.M.A.
- 12:00 PM** Intention of Dorothea Freund  
 Intention of our Parish Lectors  
 Melinda & Frank Martone  
 Raymond Mastrobuoni
- MONDAY JANUARY 25**  
**7:30 AM** Gloria Boccio  
 Gary Vander Veer  
 William W. Martin
- TUESDAY JANUARY 26**  
**7:30 AM** Fran Koerner  
 Jack Lasher
- WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27**  
**7:30 AM** Domenico & Virginia Margarucci  
 Gianni Iacovo & Guglielmo Forestiero  
 Roy Shipman
- THURSDAY JANUARY 28**  
**7:30 AM** Philip Bartalotto  
 Carmela Valente
- FRIDAY JANUARY 29**  
**7:30 AM** Lorraine Connolly  
 Voncile McCutcheon  
 Giovanni Gurrieri
- SATURDAY JANUARY 30**  
**7:30 AM** Robert Fenske  
 MaryAnn Iadnza



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
 honoring the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord  
 in the Tabernacle is burning this week  
 In Loving Memory of **Gloria Boccio**

**BREAD AND WINE:**  
 In Loving Memory of **Gloria Boccio**

## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish



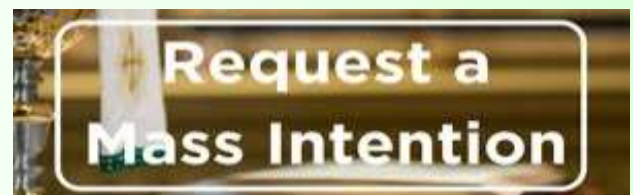
Rich Ambrose, Ralph & Terry Adame and Family,  
 Amy Brenna, Carol Cahion, Phyliss Carlough, Ernie Cole,  
 Mary Colombo, Marge Corley, Michele D'Angelo,  
 Dan DiLenno, Jose Espinosa, Rosa Feliciano, Laura Flanders,  
 Agnes Gallagher, Eddie Gallo, Richard Gallo,  
 Eileen Gazawie, Msgr. Mark Giordani, Mason Giove,  
 Eddie Gonzalez, Sam Hayek, Mary Izzo, Peter Kavanagh,  
 Darlene Kolakovic, Sam Kotoulas, Msgr. Raymond Kupke,  
 James LaBianca, Judy LaGuardia, Lucy Leone,  
 Frank Longo, Lopez Family, Gina Love, Carmela Lucas,  
 Robert Maggio Jr., Michael Mahometa, Robert Majewski,  
 Joan Martin, Frank McCarthy, Genny McLean,  
 Joseph McDonald, Monica McDonald, Maria McLaughlin,  
 Baby McKenna, Shirley Melgar, Marie Miller,  
 Helen Monda, Sally Morse, Delfina Montone,  
 Patricia Moore, Julieann Morabito, Sandra Morabito,  
 George Morabito, Gail Neumann, Scott Nickl,  
 Natalia Pavelchak, Ralph Petrucci, Joan Prusiensky,  
 Baby Lily Ramos, Colleen Read, Maureen Read,  
 Eileen Robinson, Barbara Tilton, Dolores Yarnchuk,  
 Diane Vigilanti, Mary Walker, Joseph Woods,  
 Agnes Mariella Zimmer, Gregory Zimmer, Millie Zeralli,  
 Marie Zigarelli, John Zisa.

### PLEASE NOTE:

These names will appear on our list for one month only.

## Next Weekend Mass Intentions January 30-31, 2021

- Saturday***
- 5:30 PM** Loretta & Anthony Campana  
 Joseph Azzolina  
 Amelia Marano  
 Michael Massood
- Sunday***
- 7:00 AM** Joseph Fatony
- 8:30 AM** People of the Parish  
 Stephen Schrammel  
 Thomas Newman  
 Marion Bradford
- 10:00 AM** Intention of Sr. Grace Ruiz  
 Jean Carini  
 Michael A. Foragola
- 12:00 PM** Intention of Dina Conforti  
 Layla-Khoury Zamlout  
 Aura Mesa



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Please join in singing the Hymns, Response and Acclamations **with your mask on**. Thank you.*

**PROCESSIONAL: SING A NEW SONG** *D. Schutte*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord; Let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, Singing alleluia*

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.  
And play for God on glad tambourines, And let your trumpet sound. (R)
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come  
He has turned your sorrow to joy, And filled your soul with song.

**GLORY TO GOD – SUNG: MASS OF ST. FRANCES CABRINI** *Kevin Keil*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 25** *Michel Guimont*

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR** *Dan Schutte*

**COMMUNION: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES/LORD YOU HAVE COME** *C. Gabaráin*

*Refrain:* O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name;  
all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.

*Estrillo:* Señor, me has mirado a los ojos, sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
en la arena he dejado mi barca, junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

**RECESSIONAL: FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS** *St. Thomas/Tantum Ergo*

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom, From despair your world release;  
That redeemed from war and hatred, All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness, Fear will die and hope increase.

*Please take the Parish Bulletin with you at the conclusion of Mass. It contains valuable parish information AND we cannot re-use the Bulletins for the next Mass. Thank you!*

## A FEW WORDS FROM FR. SYLWESTER

### “DIGESTING” THE GOSPEL...

Babe Ruth is one of the most famous figures in American sports. An unforgettable time in his personal life was the cold December night of 1946. Why? He answered this question in an article in “Guideposts.” He writes about it: “I have gone far away from the Church. I had my own idea of how to spend my life. I was the master, the only master of my life. Believe it or not, I even had my own altar – a huge window in a luxury New York City apartment. I was standing at that altar and stared at the city, amazingly flooded with countless lights. That was my religion, that was my worship. No, I did not forsake God. I often knelt in front of that huge window and with great humility asked God to help me be as he would like to see me.”

Ruth fell seriously ill and was placed in one of the hospitals in the city. His close friend, Paul Carey, was there by his bedside. At one point, Paul looked at Ruth and said, “Babe, you will have a serious high-risk surgery tomorrow. Don’t you think it would be good to see a priest?” Seeing the concern in his friend’s eyes, Ruth, for the first time in his life, realized that his life, despite his young age, could end rapidly. “Yes, Paul. I’d like you to call for the priest,” he told Carey. That night, Ruth could not stop talking about Jesus. Finally, he made his long whole life confession with great humility and not looking at his watch at all. He wanted to be ready and free from all this filth of sin in his life. A serious spiritual transformation took place in his heart, about which he will later write: “As I lay in bed that night, I thought how wonderful it must be to feel free from any fear and anxiety. I just put it all on to God. And he willingly took it all.”

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel” – these are the words Christ addresses us. We sometimes think that these words are addressed mostly to atheists and great sinners, those who have A LOT to repent of. They are the ones who REALLY need conversion. And we? Not necessarily. There is a moment at the beginning of every Mass (Penitential Rite) when we express our sorrow for our sins and admit that we are sinners (starting with the Pope, going through Fr. Sylwester, and ending with the child who just reached the age of realizing what sin is). While saying the words: “My fault, my fault, my most grievous fault,” we are supposed to strike our breasts three times. This is a sign that we admit we are sinners in need of God’s forgiveness. Don’t think that I watch you during Mass, for I do not. But, how many of us do not make this gesture as if it were optional only. Yes, the confessional room is the most abandoned place in our church, but even at the beginning of Mass, we have problems admitting that we come here, for we are sinners. If we are not sinners, we do not need a Savior. If we are not sinners who can sit down and list at least one sin that darkens our heart, we do not have to celebrate Christmas, for this is the day when the Savior was born to save us from sin. Pope Francis said that the Church is a field hospital for the sinners, not a museum of saints.

Babe Ruth believed in God in his own way and had an open heart for his neighbor. He was like many others who think their relationship with God and neighbor is okay and do not need conversion. They are not “that bad.” However, when Ruth faced death, he saw the need for a complete closeness to God; he saw the need for conversion. Following his inner voice, he faced God, who freed him from fear and anxiety. Ruth had a wonderful feeling of God’s presence.

John the Baptist called for conversion, and the ones who came to him were usually the ordinary people. They believed in God, they tried to live God’s way. They came because they felt the need for something more, for a real transformation, for cleansing. On this road, they were looking for God. Jesus did the same thing: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” This call is not only a call to turn away from evil, but it is a call to seek a perfect love, a love that identifies itself with God.

“I didn’t kill anyone, I didn’t steal money from anyone, I didn’t rape anyone. I didn’t commit adultery.” And that’s it! This is the standard of life for many modern believers and non-believers. So there is nothing to convert from. Gossip? That’s maybe not a good thing, but still, I didn’t kill anybody. Sunday Mass? I usually attend. Maybe once a month I do not, but usually I do. Again, I do not kill anybody. I am okay with God.



Repentance? For some people, absolutely! But not for me. I'm good, thanks. Such a "holy, blameless" person will never progress in spiritual and moral development. We just stop at the level of fourth grade, and that's it! No move forward! St. John writes, "If we claim we have not sinned, we make Jesus a liar, and his word is not in us." We all need conversion! This is not optional. This is not only for Lent. We can't boast that we repent for 40 days only and then pretend we are angels in white robes and halos over our heads. The beginning of conversion is an admission of guilt: "My fault, my fault, my most grievous fault." Not his fault. Not her fault. MY FAULT. We do not have to do this in front of other people. The Sacrament of Confession is the most intimate sacrament of the Church. Don't even think about the priest who is sitting there. Think about Jesus to whom you turn with your sins and who, using the person of the priest, absolves you from all your burdens, all your sins. There is no reason why you should carry them through all these years!

I remember a long discussion with my mother, Marianna, some three years ago (in 2018) when I last time visited her and my beloved homeland. I told her how many funerals I already had performed at my first parish as a priest (that was only 30-40 then; now it's 150!) My mom just asked me how a typical funeral looks like in the U.S. I told her that a priest is wearing a white chasuble (priestly vestment), not purple like in Poland or Rome. I told her that people do not even call it Funeral Mass but Celebration of Life Mass, and they often say that a deceased person is already in heaven. It's even worse when a priest or deacon dies. Then we have a canonization Mass, only without the Pope as a presider. My mom heard what I had said, and after a long pause, she said to me: "Remember, Sylwester, when I die, you must bury me wearing the purple color of your vestments and please forget any eulogies or lofty speeches; just pray for my soul during the Funeral Mass. Even when John Paul II was buried (Mass after death presided by Cardinal Angelo Sodano), the priests wore purple vestments, so I do not want to pretend I was holier than John Paul II. I know that I am a sinner, and I need now God's mercy, and I will surely need it when I die. Heaven? Only if God in his mercy decides so!" I will never forget her words. She had no chance to even go to high school, and here she gave me such a great theological lecture! Of course, for me, she was an angel, but what she said has been carved in my heart forever. God is the ONLY ONE who can put someone in heaven. We are not in charge at this point, so let's not tell God what to do and when!

So my friends, let's not "confess" of someone else's sins. We should know well that in order to change ourselves, as well as to change the world, we need to confess our OWN sins personally and convert, as often as needed. Only then will we turn to Christ and his Gospel. Only then will there be a place in us for Christ and his Kingdom. Babe Ruth had a taste of this Kingdom when he said, "As I lay in bed that night, I thought how wonderful it must be to feel free from any fear and anxiety. I just put it all on to God. And he willingly took it all."

With Prayers,  
*Father Sylwester*

# SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

## Lectors

This Sunday, I would like to recognize those who proclaim God's Word to us at every Mass – our wonderful **Lectors**.

We have an outstanding TEAM here at St. Anthony's.

I appreciate all of you who are willing to take this ministry seriously and prepare well for it.

Your proclamation of Scripture makes the presence of God alive in our midst, stirs our hearts, challenges, comforts, and moves our community to work to make a difference.

So, to our lectors – **THANK YOU** for volunteering to serve our Parish in this unique way.

With special thanks to **Tom Hoffman** for coordinating the Lector Ministry, especially now during the pandemic, which is more difficult, but we are doing well!

Now a word of encouragement!

Do you have this special love of Christ

and want to bring His presence to others through His Word?

Then please consider becoming part of our Lector Ministry. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

God is speaking to us during Mass, but He needs your voice!

With blessings to all,  
*Father Sylwester*



Despite Covid-19  
we managed to decorate  
our church for Christmas both inside and out.

A huge **THANK YOU**  
to all who came out to help set up  
and take down the decorations.

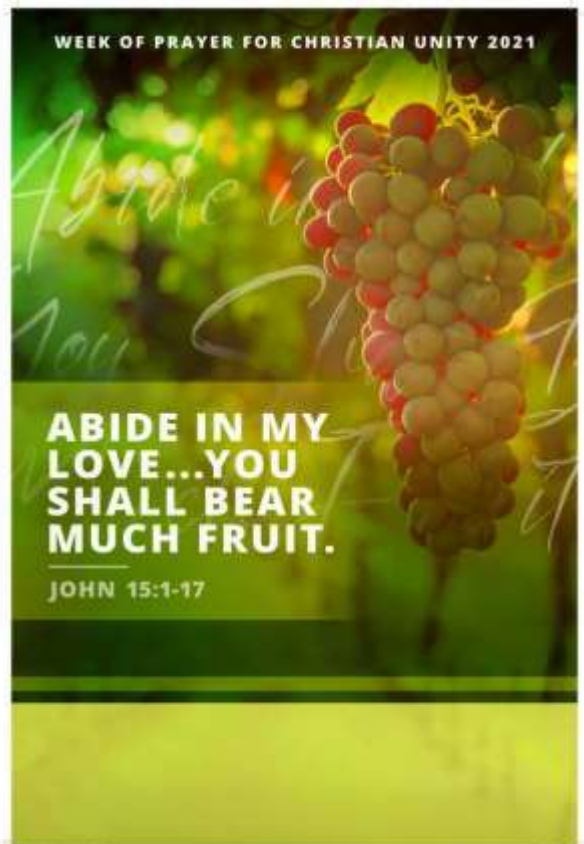
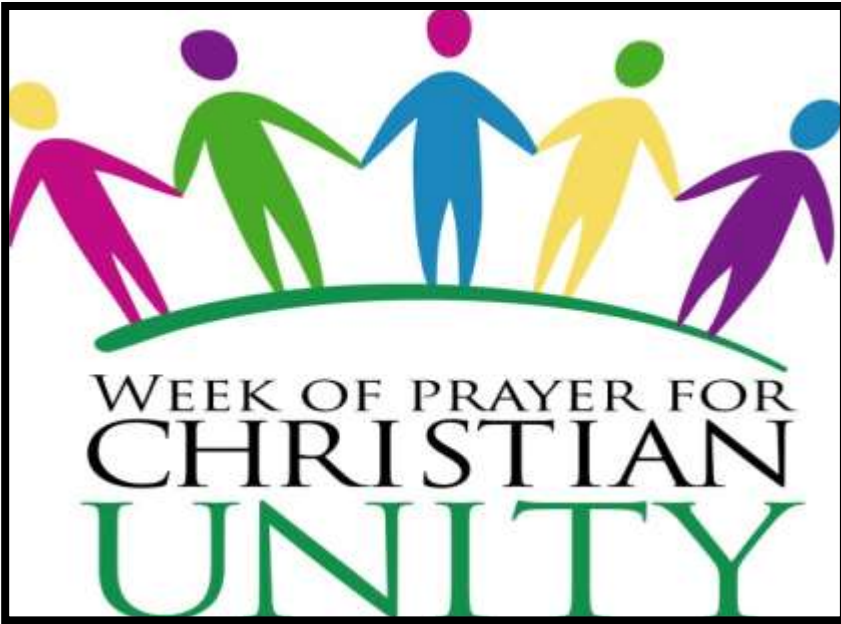
**“It was stewardship in action.”**

Most grateful and appreciative,

*Frank Abate*



**Monday, January 25** - *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul* - Acts 22:3-16 (or Acts 9:1-22); Mk 16:15-18  
**Tuesday, January 26** - *Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus* - 2 Tm 1:1-8 (or Ti 1:1-5); Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday, January 27** - *Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time* - Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday, January 28** - *Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas* - Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday, January 29** - *Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time* - Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday, January 30** - *Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time* - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41



*January 18 - 25*







Sunday Offering (12/27/20):	\$ 21,013.96 * <i>* includes two annual donations (\$5,000 &amp; \$6,500)</i>
Sunday Offering (01/03/21):	\$ 13,019.91
Sunday Offering (01/10/21):	\$ 16,855.66 ** <i>** includes an annual donation (\$7,000)</i>
Sunday Offering (01/17/21):	\$ 3,345.16 (Online Giving) \$ 8,480.00 (Envelopes)

**Total: \$11,825.16**

**Christmas 2020 Offering**      **\$ 72,600.00** (includes a single \$25,000 donation)

### Tax Forms

Tax season is just around the corner.  
Stay tuned to this page for instructions on how to print your tax forms for 2020!

### Online Giving and Text to Give

Please use this link found on our parish website or our Facebook page to register in **ParishSOFT Giving** and participate in our online giving program: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stanthonyrcchurch>

Text a donation amount (e.g. 10, 20, 50 etc.) to **973-245-9778** and ParishSOFT Giving will prompt you to enter any required information.

You can donate to **ANY** of our parish or national funds by using our online giving platform, such as: Offertory, Project Faith, The Beacon, Social Services and many more!

For assistance, please contact **Donna Mallory** at 973.557.0858 or [finance@stanthonyschool.org](mailto:finance@stanthonyschool.org)



# Social Services



**“No one has ever become poor by giving.”  
(Anne Frank)**



We continue to distribute food from our parish pantry. If you are in need or know someone who is, please call Mary Ann at 973-557-0858. And we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your very generous donations of food and monetary contributions during this time of the pandemic; we can't thank you enough for your support. If you'd like to make a donation of food, please drop the item(s) in one of the boxes in the front (main) vestibule of the church.

**NOTE WELL: Please do NOT give us any expired or opened items. Check the dates on any/all items you plan on donating. If items have expired, throw them out; don't give them to us to dispose of.**



Passaic County is offering free COVID-19 testing at home for all county residents 18 years of age and older. You need to register online, via email, for the testing kit; there is NO COST for the test and health insurance is NOT required. Go to <https://passaiccountycares.org/> Also, you can pre-register for the COVID-vaccine. Visit <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

## **ATTENTION HAWTHORNE SENIOR CITIZENS!**

The Students of Hawthorne Acting Responsibly and Effectively (S.H.A.R.E.) at Hawthorne High School is offering snow removal services to Hawthorne senior citizens at no cost. Students will volunteer their time to assist seniors by shoveling their walkways and sidewalks after a snow event. Senior citizens can contact the S.H.A.R.E. advisor, Jaclyn Peene, directly at 973-423-6415 x2141 or contact her by email at [peene@hawthorne.k12.nj.us](mailto:peene@hawthorne.k12.nj.us)

## **NEED HELP WITH PSEG?**

NJ 211 call specialists can help you find it! If you're experiencing financial hardships and need assistance with utility costs, call 2-1-1; 800-510-3102; or 866-240-1347 (all three options work).

NJ 211 specialists will provide you with the location and hours of your local application agency, explain how the various home energy assistance programs work, check on the status of your application once it has been filed,



The St. Cajetan Ministry Network (parishes of St. Catharine's in Glen Rock and St. Anne's in Fair Lawn) invites all unemployed/ underemployed men & women to join their ministry which provides support through prayer & helpful guidance in the job search process. You need NOT be a member of either church to participate. For more information contact Ed Grzesiak at 201-321-5144, John Lederer at 201-286-9354 or Joe Bonis at 201-390-7169.

## Facilities Manager Needed!

**St. Anthony Parish**, Hawthorne, NJ is seeking a **Facilities Manager** to oversee all aspects of maintenance to insure a safe and efficient physical plant, consisting of a church, school, rectory and convent.

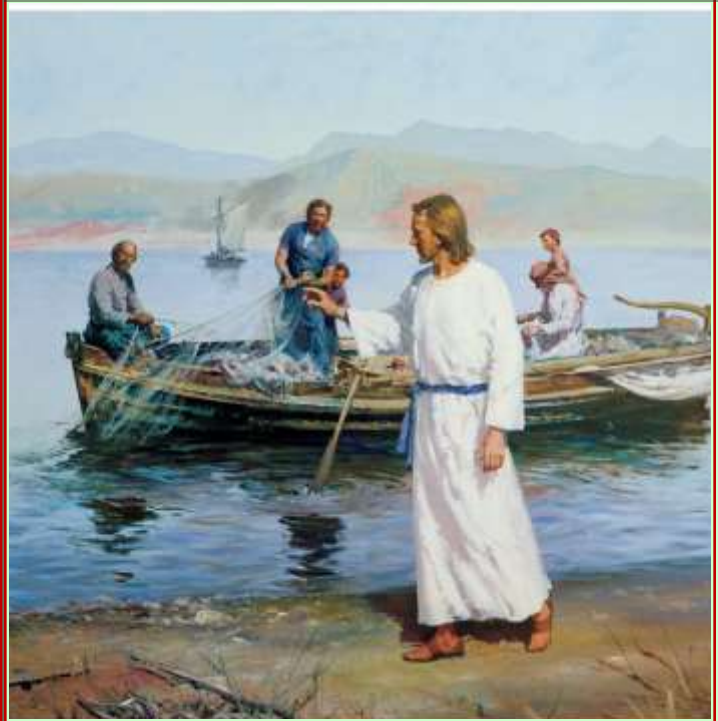
Position combines managerial skills (scheduling, coordinating and maintaining the plant and existing building systems), hands-on functions (minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and other relevant skills), and physical aspects (manual duties, lifting, and climbing). Black Seal License required and minimum 3 years' experience.

Full Time/Benefit Eligible  
(40hrs/week, Monday-Friday).

Please send resume to:

[accounting@stanthonschool.org](mailto:accounting@stanthonschool.org)

## 3rd Sunday in OT



## Youth Group

**All students in high school  
are invited to join  
St. Anthony's Youth Group!**

**Youth Group is a great way to meet new  
people and learn more about your faith.**

**To stay informed,  
FOLLOW US on Instagram.**

**January 24th:**

Meeting from 7-8pm via Google Meets  
(eia-prhd-hsi)

**January 31st:**

Game Night from 7-8pm via Google Meets  
(dbx-bixs-kpo)



## Monthly Holy Hour

**February 11, 2021 (Thursday, 7:30 PM)**

*Our Lady of Lourdes – Holy Hour for the Sick*

**March 9, 2021 (Tuesday, 7:30 PM)**

*Lenten Holy Hour*

**April 11, 2021 (Sunday, 3:00 PM)**

*Divine Mercy Sunday – Holy Hour of Mercy*

**May 17, 2021 (Monday, 7:30 PM)**

*Holy Hour for the Vocations*

**June 18, 2021 (Friday, 7:30 PM)**

*The Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus –  
Holy Hour for the Families*



# STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,  
giver of all that is good,  
grant that we may live our lives in gratitude  
for Your unending love and generosity.

Help us to recognize  
that our time, talent and treasure  
are gifts to be used  
for the benefit of others.

Teach us to be good stewards of these gifts  
and keep us open to the gifts of others.

Inspire us, your children,  
to work together  
for the honor and glory of Your name.

Amen.